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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Zang, Ji-Guang ) Group Art Unit: 1745  
Serial No. 10/047,407 ) Examiner: Alejandro, Raymond  
Filed: January 10, 2002 )  
For: PACKAGED THIN FILM )  
BATTERIES AND METHOD OF )  
PACKAGING THIN FILM )  
BATTERIES )

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

In response to Applicant's Substitute Appeal Brief, the Examiner has issued an Official Action mailed May 23, 2005. Applicant hereby responds to the Official Action.

In essence, the examiner contends that Applicant's use of the term heat sealed is not disclosed in the specifications and that the term may be used to encompass the teachings of Xing et al. (US Patent No. 6,284,406). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the examiner on both points.

Firstly, the term heat sealed is made readily apparent from the teachings recited in the specifications. Commencing on Page 2, line 15, the Applicant recites that the prior art utilized bags with an open top that were later "heat sealed". From this it is shown that "heat sealed" means that the forth peripheral edge was sealed in a manner wherein one layer is sealed or bonded to another layer. The Applicant also describes the heat sealing process on